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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, WZ

SUBJECT: REFUGEES: DENIAL BY GOS OF RIGHT TO RETURN CLAUSE

REF: A) MBABANE 2665; B) MBABANE 2740

1. REGRET DELAY OF REPLY TO REF A.
2. PROBLEM FOR US, AS YOU RECOGNIZE, IS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO FIND MEANS FOR THESE SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEE STUDENTS TO COME TO THE U.S. ON THEIR PHELPS-STOKES SCHOLARSHIPS. AT SAME TIME, WE ARE CONSTRAINED BY FIRM REQUIREMENT FOR RETURN CLAUSE.

3. YOUR REF B RESPONDS TO THE FIRST SUGGESTION WE WERE GOING TO MAKE, WHICH WAS FOR UNHCR TO HAVE ANOTHER GO AT THE GOS. WE REGRET TO NOTE THE APPARENT FIRMNESS OF GOS
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POSITION ON AGREEING TO THIS FORMALITY.

4. IF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER RAISES SUBJECT WITH YOU, SUGGEST YOU EMPHASIZE TO HIM THE DESIRABILITY OF FINDING A WAY TO MAKE POSSIBLE THE AWARD OF THESE SCHOLARSHIPS, WHICH WILL RESULT IN THE REFUGEE STUDENTS DEPARTING SWAZILAND AT LEAST FOR A PERIOD OF TIME. ISSUANCE OF RETURN CLAUSE IS COMMON

AND CUSTOMARY PROCEDURE, WHICH IN PRACTICE DOES NOT

NECESSARILY MEAN THE STUDENTS WILL RETURN TO SWAZILAND.
THEY MAY WELL WANT TO CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES FOR SOME YEARS
IN OTHER COUNTRIES IN ADDITION TO THE U.S. RETURN CLAUSE
IS HOWEVER AN ESSENTIAL FORMALITY REQUIRED FOR U.S. TO
PROCESS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS.

5. WE HAVE NOT MENTIONED SUBJECT TO PHELPS-STOKES OFFICE,
AND DO NOT KNOW IF THEY ARE AWARE OF PROBLEM. DO YOU THINK
IT WOULD HELP FOR THEM TO TALK TO GOS, EITHER HERE OR
THERE? WE ASSUME THEY WILL BE DISTRESSED TO LEARN THAT
SCHOLARSHIPS ARE BEING HELD UP ON GROUNDS OF THIS APPARENT
TECHNICALITY. CHRISTOPHER

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